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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is providing funds to enhance Research and Development (R&D) facilities in the field of water resources in the country;

(b) if so, the names of such States recognised for Research and Development; and

(c) the time by which the research work is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) A scheme for `Research and Development Programme in Water Sector` has been approved for XI Plan for taking up research in different areas of water resources through research organisations under the Ministry of Water Resources.Under the scheme, support is also provided to various research organisations/Water and Land Management Institutes (WALMIs)/academic institutions etc. for specific research activities in key/priority areas.The key/priority areas identified by the Ministry for support are (a) Efficiency studies for completed major and medium irrigation projects; (b) Effect of climate change on water resources and studies in respect of vulnerability assessment and adaptation; (c) Reservoir sedimentation studies; (d) Post-facto evaluation and management plan for optimal benefit from the resources; and (e) Initiation of benchmarking of irrigation projects for performance improvement.

(b)&(c) Research organisations/WALMIs/academic institutions all over the country are eligible for seeking assistance as per the guidelines. The list of various research organisations/WALMIs/academic institutions currently being provided assistance under the Plan Scheme is at Annex. The research schemes are to be completed by various organisations/institutions at different time as per the approved programme.